

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

Case number (if known) _____

Chapter you are filing under:

☒ Chapter 7☐ Chapter 11☐ Chapter 12☐ Chapter 13☐ Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Identify Yourself**About Debtor 1:****About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):****1. Your full name**

Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).

Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.

Richard

First name

Earl

Middle name

Patterson, Sr.

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

First name

Middle name

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years

Include your married or maiden names.

3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)**xxx-xx-7160**

About Debtor 1:**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):****4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years**☒ I have not used any business name or EINs.☐ I have not used any business name or EINs.Include trade names and
doing business as names

Business name(s)

Business name(s)

EINs

EINs

5. Where you live**27545 Abington St.
Southfield, MI 48076**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Oakland

County

County

If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.**If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

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6. Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy

Check one:

☒ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.☐ I have another reason.
Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one.* (For a brief description of each, see *Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)*). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.
- ☒ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 11
- ☐ Chapter 12
- ☐ Chapter 13
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8. **How you will pay the fee** ☐ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☒ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- ☐ **I request that my fee be waived** (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.
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9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?**
- ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.
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|----------------|------------|-------------------|
| District _____ | When _____ | Case number _____ |
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10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?**
- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes.
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| Debtor _____ | Relationship to you _____ |
| District _____ | When _____ |
| Case number, if known _____ | |
| Debtor _____ | Relationship to you _____ |
| District _____ | When _____ |
| Case number, if known _____ | |
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11. **Do you rent your residence?**
- ☐ No. Go to line 12.
- ☒ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you?
- ☒ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it with this bankruptcy petition.

Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor**12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?**☒ No. Go to Part 4.☐ Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

Name of business, if any_____
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code*Check the appropriate box to describe your business:*

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
☐ None of the above

13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).

☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.☐ No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.**Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention****14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?**☒ No.☐ Yes. What is the hazard? __________
If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed?

For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?

Where is the property?_____
Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling**15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.**

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

- ☒ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.**

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you **MUST** file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

- ☐ **I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.**

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

- ☐ **I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:**

- ☐ **Incapacity.**
I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.
- ☐ **Disability.**
My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.
- ☐ **Active duty.**
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

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Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes

16. What kind of debts do you have?	16a.	Are your debts primarily consumer debts? <i>Consumer debts</i> are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16b.	Are your debts primarily business debts? <i>Business debts</i> are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16c. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16c.	State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts

17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?	<input type="checkbox"/> No. I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
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18. How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000
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19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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Part 7: Sign Below**For you**

I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ Richard Earl Patterson, Sr.**Richard Earl Patterson, Sr.**

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Executed on **10/16/2018**

MM / DD / YYYY

Executed on

MM / DD / YYYY

Debtor 1 Richard Earl Patterson, Sr.

Case number (if known) _____

For your attorney, if you are represented by one

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

/s/ Michael G. Ardelean

Signature of Attorney for Debtor

Date

10/16/2018

MM / DD / YYYY

Michael G. Ardelean P-70212

Printed name

Ardelean & Dunne, PLLC

Firm name

29777 Telegraph Road, Suite 1630

Southfield, MI 48034

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone **(248) 557-7488**

Email address

edmi@arddun.com

P-70212 MI

Bar number & State

**United States Bankruptcy Court
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**STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)
PURSUANT TO F.R.BANKR.P. 2016(b)**

The undersigned, pursuant to F.R.Bankr.P. 2016(b), states that:

1. The undersigned is the attorney for the Debtor(s) in this case.
2. The compensation paid or agreed to be paid by the Debtor(s) to the undersigned is: [Check one]

☒ **FLAT FEE**

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| A. For legal services rendered in contemplation of and in connection with this case, exclusive of the filing fee paid | 1,200.00 |
| B. Prior to filing this statement, received | 100.00 |
| C. The unpaid balance due and payable is | 1,100.00 |

☐ **RETAINER**

- A. Amount of retainer received
- B. The undersigned shall bill against the retainer at an hourly rate of \$ _____. [Or attach firm hourly rate schedule.] Debtor(s) have agreed to pay all Court approved fees and expenses exceeding the amount of the retainer.

☒ **RETAINER/FLAT FEE BLEND**

- A. Pursuant to retainer agreement
- The client agrees to compensate **Michael G. Ardelean P-70212** in such amount as is approved by the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Chapter 13 Plan. The minimum fee for services in connection with a confirmed chapter 13 Plan shall be **\$1,200.00** based upon the hourly rate of the services performed by the Firm. The actual fee shall be that which is approved by the court subject to the minimum charged of **\$1,200.00** and if the time devoted to such tasks exceeds **\$1,200.00**, then the fee shall be such amount based upon the hourly charges for the services performed subject to approval by the Court.
- | | |
|--|-----------------|
| B. Agreed fee (subject to hourly billing if fees exceed \$1,200.00) | 1,200.00 |
| Fees received prior to the case | 100.00 |
| Balance due (subject to hourly billing if the fee exceeds (\$1,200.00)) | 1,100.00 |

3. \$ 0.00 of the filing fee has been paid.

4. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including: [Cross out any that do not apply.]

- A. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- B. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
- C. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- ~~D. Representation of the debtor in adversary proceedings and other contested bankruptcy matters;~~
- E. Reaffirmations;
- F. Redemptions;
- G. Other:
Negotiations with secured creditors to reduce to market value; exemption planning; preparation and filing of reaffirmation agreements and applications as needed.

5. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following services:
Representation of the debtors in any dischargeability actions, judicial lien avoidances, section 2004 examinations, relief from stay actions, adversary proceeding, or any other contested matter.

Recovery of any preference funds taken from Debtor involuntarily during the preference period and recoverable under Bankruptcy law. Debtor(s) agree that Ardelean & Dunne, PLLC shall be paid a 30% contingent fee plus all costs incurred on recovery of any preference funds separate and distinct from fees otherwise detailed for representation in the underlying bankruptcy matter.

The executed retainer agreement between Debtor(s) and Ardelean & Dunne, PLLC, provides for a bifurcation of the Flat Attorney Fee to have a Pre-filing fee and Post-filing fee. Pre-filing fee only covers work performed prior to filing Debtor(s)' petition. Post-filing fee only covers work performed after the filing of Debtor(s)'

petition. Debtor(s) and Ardelean & Dunne, PLLC hereby agree that the bifurcation of the Attorney Fee shall remain in effect under this Statement of Attorney Compensation. Debtor(s) have paid Ardelean & Dunne, PLLC all Pre-filing fees prior to the date of filing this instant case. In the event there is a remaining balance of Attorney Fee, the balance is made up of only Post-filing attorney fees.

If Attorney Fee is not paid in full within 60 days of the case filing, Ardelean & Dunne, PLLC may discontinue work on the case and/or withdraw from representing Debtor.

6. The source of payments to the undersigned was from:
A. XX Debtor(s)' earnings, wages, compensation for services performed
B. _____ Other (describe, including the identity of payor) _____
7. The undersigned has not shared or agreed to share, with any other person, other than with members of the undersigned's law firm or corporation, any compensation paid or to be paid except as follows:

Dated: 10/16/2018

/s/ Michael G. Ardelean
Attorney for the Debtor(s)
Michael G. Ardelean P-70212
Ardelean & Dunne, PLLC
29777 Telegraph Road, Suite 1630
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 557-7488 edmi@arddun.com

Agreed: /s/ Richard Earl Patterson, Sr.
Richard Earl Patterson, Sr.
Debtor

Debtor

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Debtor(s)

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VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX

The above-named Debtor hereby verifies that the attached list of creditors is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

Date: **10/16/2018**

/s/ Richard Earl Patterson, Sr.

Richard Earl Patterson, Sr.

Signature of Debtor

Arbor Professional Sol
2090 S. Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Consumers Energy
Attn: Bankruptcy Dept.
4600 Coolidge Hwy.
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Cornerstone Comm Fin C
2955 University Dr
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Credit Acceptance Corp
Po Box 513
Southfield, MI 48037

Dr Leonards/carol Wrig
1112 7th Ave
Monroe, WI 53566

DTE Energy
Attn: Bankruptcy Dept
One Energy Plaza
2160 WCB
Detroit, MI 48226

Enhanced Recovery Co L
8014 Bayberry Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32256

L J Ross Associates In
4 Universal Way
Jackson, MI 49202

Michigan First Cu
27000 Evergreen Rd
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

Receivables Performanc
20816 44th Ave W
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Swiss Colony
1112 7th Ave
Monroe, WI 53566

Transworld System Inc/
500 Virginia Dr Ste 514
Fort Washington, PA 19034